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WHICH AGENCIES ARE CURRENTLY INVOLVED?

Preliminary list based on participants expressing an interest

Federal Agencies

- USDA Forest Service
- USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service
- DOI National Park Service
- DOI US Geological Survey
- DOI US Fish and Wildlife
- DOI Bureau of Land Management
- DOI Minerals Management Service
- NOAA National Ocean Service
- NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- US Environmental Protection Agency
- Federal Emergency Management Agency

Non Federal Groups

- State agencies (e.g., Ohio Department of Natural Resources)
- Nonprofit organization (e.g., Sonoran Institute)
- Academic institutions (e.g., University of Minnesota, University of Florida)



WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?

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HD.gov
 Human Dimensions

A NEW Interagency
Human Dimensions Web Portal
For Natural Resource Management

WHAT IS IT?

A wide variety of “human dimensions of natural resource management” and related applied social science information is available via the Internet. These sources contain complementary pieces. However, they are also often redundant and leave information gaps. Coordination across agencies and allied groups tasked with delivering human dimensions information resources could greatly improve efficiency and effectiveness.

Human dimensions leaders from several federal natural resource management agencies have proposed the development of an interagency human dimensions Web resource . . .

HumanDimensions.gov, or *HD.gov* for short, will serve as a credible online information resource as well as a portal with featured links to guide users to existing online information relevant to their specific information needs (e.g., online tools, publications, methods, calendar of events). HD.gov will add value to existing agency-specific sites by highlighting the widely applicable aspects of their content, while retaining links to their agency-specific information.

IS THIS NEEDED?

An informal needs assessment was conducted with human dimensions professionals representing a variety of federal and state agencies, non profit organizations, and academia to gauge interest and support. Respondents were very positive, stating that such an online resource was “needed,” “timely,” and “exciting.” Combined input from the needs assessment and other sources suggest the following potential categories for the Web site:

- Multi-level educational and instructional information
- Methodology
- Data analysis and decision support tools
- Data sources
- On-line articles, reports, and other publications
- Syntheses and case studies (relevant issues, applied research examples)
- Calendar of events and announcements
- Agency-specific information (programmatic info, guidance documents)
- Laws and policies
- Contact information for specific programs or individuals

HOW WILL PARTICIPATING AGENCIES BENEFIT?

- Additional visibility for (and access to) their existing Web resource(s)
- Additional visibility for their agency, in particular human dimensions
- Coordination opportunities across multiples agencies to share techniques, information, and innovations
- Quick access to information from all participating agencies
- Synergy in creating new Web-based human dimensions resources

WHAT IS REQUESTED FROM PARTICIPATING AGENCIES?

- Permission to post relevant agency information
- Agreement to review materials and drafts
- Dedicated point of contact
- Assistance with content
- Assistance with additional information resources and links
- Possible assistance with technical aspects (Web site coding, maintenance, etc.)
- Financial support (optional)